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<p><b>steve74baywin</b> Samba Contributor</p> <p>Joined: 29 Dec 2003 Posts: 475 Location: FL - Tampa</p> <p><a href="#">Back to top</a></p>	<p>Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 11:41 am Post subject:</p> <p>Has the ebay ID for there bus been found or shared yet?</p> <p>Steve</p> <p><a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">pm</a> <a href="#">gallery</a> <a href="#">ads</a></p>
<p><b>keifernet</b> Samba Search &amp; Rescue</p>  <p>Joined: 11 May 2002 Posts: 6508 Location: in the samba behavioral studies lab...</p> <p><a href="#">Back to top</a></p>	<p>Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 12:00 pm Post subject:</p> <p><b>steve74baywin wrote:</b> Has the ebay ID for there bus been found or shared yet?</p> <p>Good question, I asked about that way early in the thread, but bottomend has definantly been busy with the whole ordeal... too busy I'm sure to think of that.</p> <p>But if the guy at the storage lot where they picked it up says the seller has sold numerous cars/VW's in a similar manner, then I think it should be posted as a warning not to deal with this person or at least be vary wary of any dealings.</p> <p>As far as what I said about them " maybe not having homes" to go to, I missed the part about them flying in to buy the bus, I thought they had purchased it and dumb luck had them breaking down in bottemends area on their way to..... nirvana? 😊 😊</p> <p>Anyway, I'm glad they do have somewhere to head back to. I just hope the bus can get patched up enough to get them there and then they can find a good VW guy in the area.</p> <p>I don't have a paypal account, but if DurocShark will pitch in a 20 for me now and PM me his address, I'll send a postal money order to him in 24 hours of the PM.</p> <p>OG JHC TX Chapter</p> <p>"All politicians are puppets, WE the PEOPLE need to pull the strings better..."</p> <p><a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">pm</a> <a href="#">email</a> <a href="#">msnm</a> <a href="#">gallery</a> <a href="#">ads</a></p>
<p><b>DeathBus</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 26 Apr 2004 Posts: 933 Location: My Very Own SPIDER HOLE!!</p> <p><a href="#">Back to top</a></p>	<p>Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 12:22 pm Post subject:</p> <p>Sounds like dudes need about 500 to 800 \$\$\$ to make it back.</p> <p>racing in a ricer is like being in the special olympics, even if you do win, your still retarded!</p> <p>My real name? Doug Zannis</p> <p><b>BugBiteII wrote:</b> Your all a bunch of MotherF**kers</p> <p><a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">pm</a> <a href="#">gallery</a> <a href="#">ads</a></p>

<p><b>Sylvester75Westy</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 18 Apr 2004 Posts: 211 Location: The Hills of Alpharetta, Georgia</p>	<p>Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 12:39 pm Post subject: Bottomend for President!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>Of a local VW Bus Club!!! I love this thread, I commend you "Greasy" for going above and beyond for these guys. I feel like I am watching a remade "Apollo 13" movie! "We must get these guys home, this is all the parts they have available, failure is not an option!" I don't have Paypal, but I will give my friend \$20 and have him use his. Great story, post the pics when you get them, and good luck!</p> <hr/> <p>75 Westfalia Proud Member #3, SBS (Stock Bus Society) The distribution of the forces under my command, incident to an unexpected change of commanders, and the overwhelming force under your command, compel me, notwithstanding the brilliant success of the Confederate arms yesterday, to accept the ungenerous and unchivalrous terms which you propose.</p>
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<p><b>Jealous_Zack</b> Samba Contributor</p> <p>Joined: 10 Jun 2004 Posts: 72 Location: Southern Arizona</p>	<p>Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 5:00 pm Post subject:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>Hippy fix: There's a little plug on the rear of the solex carb I had on my bug. This part is below and starboard of the vacuum fitting on the rear. I seem to remember the carb was a PICT38. Well, none the less, it popped out one day, I'm thinking thanks to a backfire, but I luckily found it in the well below the crankshaft pulley. I was able to jam it back in and keep on truckin.</p>

It was the second time it popped out (when I didn't have the rear lid attached) that it was lost completely. I was stuck on the side of the road in hotter than hell Tucson summer sun with 2 buddies. And, as y'all know, the engine just won't run without this little plug.

I stared at this hole in the carburator for what must have been 15 minutes when I put my hand in my pocket and felt my entire savings jingling around - It was probably only 50 cents or something but the pile did contain a single dime and the idea hit me. "EUREKA!" I yell, and my buds look at me like I've lost my mind. Luckily, I had my toolbox under the rear seat because I had to file a little bit of material off of the edge of the dime to make it fit. But, a little elbow grease spent filing and a blob of JB Weld (lucky that it was in the box too) mixed on a piece of bark with a handy stick found laying around and you can guess what happened next. I layed the teeniest amount of JBweld on the perimeter of that dime and popped it into place and off we went!

That has got to be the CHEAPEST HIPPY repair I ever made on the bug and quite definitely a reasonable return on investment - The car was undeniably worth another 10 cents after that!

that's only the beginning... I've got so many hippy repairs in the archives it's hard to straighten them all out.

I see these beautiful Bay Windows all around me and I'm still stuck in this stinkin toyota...

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**DurocShark**  
Samba Contributor



Joined: 05 Apr 2004  
Posts: 2125  
Location: In the thin air

Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 7:03 pm Post subject: Hippy Repairs

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Aluminum roofing flashing that comes in rolls from Home Depot makes an excellent cover for cooling tin holes. Slap some RTV on it and stick over the holes.

Because my HE's are different than what should be on my bus (I believe they're from a Type 4) the heater inlets and outlets don't match. So the holes in the tin for them are covered with this sheet aluminum, trimmed to fit the general shape of the holes.

Another thing I did when I first got the bus: There wasn't any hose on the idle air inlet on the left carb to the aircleaner. Those of you with factory dual solex's know the one I'm talking about. Bus runs like total poop without the restriction from the aircleaner port. And there's little mention of this detail in Bentley or Muir.

I applied several crossing layers of electrical tape over the port and punched a small hole with a screwdriver. Made a world of difference for short trips, but had to be replaced frequently from fear the carb would suck the tape right in. I then found a washer that was slightly larger than the inlet pipe and put that between the pipe and the tape, still punching the hole with a screwdriver. Lasted for several hundred miles and no fear of sucking the tape in.

I currently have a 24" length of hose between the carb and the aircleaner. I'm having trouble finding the proper elbows and such (BD lists 'em but they're backordered) so this long hose will do. It has to be long to make a gentle curve between the two connectors. Anything shorter just pops off.

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**halfabus**  
Samba Trainee

Joined: 13 Sep 2004  
Posts: 2  
Location: SW Scotland

Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 7:24 pm Post subject:

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Wow, what a story. I'm a new member of thesamba.com, just recently one of the nameless lurkers out here but I thought I would contribute as I've read worse books and seen worse films than the tale of heroism and good spirit told here. My contribution to the fund is the least I can do.

Bottomend, I'm in awe of your goodwill, an example certainly to myself and I'm sure to many others. I'm going to stop next time I see a stranded driver though whether they'll be happy to see a mad bloke in a purple bay is questionable!

I was sent a link to the thread by a friend here in Scotland so you must be news in the local message boards. The wierd thing is that I can read about it all in real-time yet you're so far away, makes it all the more amazing.

It'd be great to see a picture, keep writing meantime, I've been splitting my sides at some of the earlier stuff.

Hippy fix? I didn't think I should own up to this but never mind...

Last year's MOT (annual British roadworthiness test) I had to repair a rusty cab step quickly to go away to an event in the van the following weekend (I book my tests on a Friday for some reason...), the new panel was sitting in the shed ready to go on but I had 30 minutes before the test, not a week like it usually takes me to do body repairs. I knew the van would probably fail and the show would be a no-go if the tester found a hole in the outside of the step but I knew that if it were fixed with steel, no matter how ugly, it would pass the test.

I made a nice steel repair and shaped it properly and finished the edges and it fitted over the rusty bit a treat. Time check: 15 minutes until the test. Uh-Oh. My welder wasn't to hand and the step was bad, ever tried welding steel to rust? It doesn't work. So.... I then got out my rigger tape (can you tell what's about to happen?) and made a really nice job of taping my repair section over the hole, I pretty much taped the whole step up... It passed the test and I went to the show.

In true hippy style, I never quite got round to replacing the wheelarch this year so the tape is still mostly there, a bit flappy in places but importantly, the hole is still covered! 😊

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**Jealous\_Zack**  
Samba Contributor

Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 7:26 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 10 Jun 2004  
Posts: 72  
Location: Southern Arizona

This one's not a hippy fix, more like hippy amazing grace:

I lost the key to my bug. Not all my keys, mind you, just the ignition key had somehow managed to work it's way off of my keyring and disappear! Of course, all that smoking on the way up and down the mountain side didn't help the memory any when I was trying to figure out where it may have gone. And, after a random hike such as ours, there was no way to retrace steps to try to find it. Luckily, the cylinder from the driver's door lock had previously fallen out, so the car was unlocked.

Now, generally, if I lose a key, I can call home and someone will bring the spare to me. This time I was in no such luck, being in fact at the bottom of the Catalina mountains with no public phone available for at least a mile AND, once again, in the hellishly hot Tucson summer sun with a couple of buddies - possibly the same buddies from the last post. To make it worse, we're in this terribly popular trailhead parking lot but there's not another car or person to be found.

We tried every flat head screwdriver in my toolbox - to no avail. We tried my miniature feeler gauges. We tried little bits of wire. We tried everything in that tool box that could possibly fit the ignition. NOTHING we tried would turn that cylinder.

My buddies and I were getting pretty heated (physically and emotionally) when we almost started throwing punches but ended up walking to a water fountain instead. While taking a drink one of my friends looks down and says "Hey, look at this, I found a key!" It was a little tiny key the likes of which are used for those teeny weeny luggage locks. Knowing we had nothing to lose, we went back to the bug, slipped the key in the ignition and VOILA!!! IT WORKED!!! HALLELUJAH!! VROOM VROOM and all the rest.

Afterward, that key was ALWAYS kept in the ash tray amidst the seeds and stems and cigarette butts so that I could start the bug at need and so my friends could borrow it while I was stuck in classes.

So, as you see, hippies do, from time to time, experience amazing grace.

I think Leader, Residue, and Waterboy are all experiencing it now thanks to our hero Grease.

I see these beautiful Bay Windows all around me and I'm still stuck in this stinkin toyota...

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**Bottomend**  
Grease

Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 9:15 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 20 Sep 2003  
Posts: 999  
Location: Smell Aye! via  
Nude Hamster!

<<< Bottomend, I'm in awe of your goodwill, an example certainly to myself and I'm sure to many others. I'm going to stop next time I see a stranded driver though whether they'll be happy to see a mad bloke in a purple bay is questionable! >>>

This is what it's all about! Make a promise to do what you've said and the world WILL be a better place! Very cool hearing from someone from Scotland too! Whats that thing you guys eat up there? Bloody sausage or something? Need details please...

I'll get the ebay ID stuff from the hippys so you can all see the ad. I dont really know how this stuff works so I'll

have Leader come over and post it for you.

I got a call today from the guys telling me that the parts store wanted \$175 for the Alternator! I wasn't able to follow up because I was at work. I've got a feelin gthat tomorrow might get a little long...

Shark, do you have a source for an alternator that might be a little cheaper? lemme know please.

I'm loveing the Hippy Fixes we've gotton so far too. Remember, these 'solutions' dont have to actually work. As a matter of fact you dont even have to have tried them. LETS CREATE never before thought of ways to combine parts in the coolest ways !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**DurocShark**  
Samba Contributor



Joined: 05 Apr 2004  
Posts: 2125  
Location: In the thin air

Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 9:31 pm Post subject:

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I'll call vwparts.net tomorrow and ask what they're getting for a 77 alt.

Maybe someone in socal has one in their parts stash?

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**earthmuffinette**  
Samba Contributor



Joined: 26 Jun 2004  
Posts: 17  
Location: Mother Earth

Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 9:41 pm Post subject:

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Earthmuffin's been telling me to read this thread for a few days now. Finally had a chance to read it tonight and being one of the few girls around here I'm not afraid to confess that it actually made me a little moisty-eyed!!! Bottomend, 3 cheers for you, not only for saving a bus (seeing a sad bus is like going to the pound!!! You can't come home without one 😊), but also for showing these three hippies some hope 😊 If I was closer to you all, I'd cook you boys a fancy meal complete with cobbler!!! Keep savin' the ride and the souls!!!

Don't tell him, but I really love earthmuffin for his...

'61 Kombi  
'70 Double Cab  
'85 Vanagon GL

Will someone PLEASE give earthmuffin whatever he wants so he will stop his incessant whining?!?!?! (There, Vin, are you happy?)

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**DaveD**  
Samba Trainee

Joined: 06 Feb 2004  
Posts: 1  
Location: California

Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 9:46 pm Post subject:

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I have been able to pick up altenators at different wrecking yards around my area cheap. It is an easy, fast way to get parts cheap. I always get guarantees from my local wrecking yards that the part will work. getting something for less could help say the hippies some money.

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**69doublecab**  
Samba Contributor

Joined: 28 Mar 2004  
Posts: 174  
Location: Cedar Falls, Iowa

Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 12:13 am Post subject:

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Regarding the alternator:

this thing has a separate regulator, you know. I'd swap in another first. You need a volt meter. Need about 13.5 to 14 volts to work well.

It's also necessary to hook up the other small blue wire in the harness near the regulator to make it work. It goes to the alternator lite which must be functional for it to charge.

Is it necessary to pull the fan housing to change the alternator? I don't think it is, but it's been at least 10 years!

I've fixed many that needed only a regulator..

Good luck.

Al

69 double cab, vanagons

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**whip618**  
Samba Contributor

Joined: 16 Oct 2002  
Posts: 112  
Location: Alb. NM

Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 4:17 am Post subject:

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Bottomend, I believe 69 doublecab is right you do not have to pull the fan housing to change the alternator. And if you can't find an affordable alternator out there on the left coast I've got a freshly rebuilt 55 amp on the shelf out in my shop that i would be glad to overnight to you and the hippies no charge it would be my contribution. Just let me know.

Phil

1971 standard type I  
1974 type II

There are only two kinds of ships in the Navy, Submarines and Targets

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**cuchullain**  
Samba Contributor



Joined: 13 Sep 2004  
Posts: 73  
Location: Béal Feirste in reality not virtuality!

Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 4:26 am Post subject:

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me again, just put a link to this thread on the n.b.o.c forums (northern irelands only aircooled club)

so you now have viewers from all corners of the united kindom following this thread

cheers  
paul 😊

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**Devon-Dyno-Soar118**  
Samba Contributor



Joined: 30 Aug 2004  
Posts: 250  
Location: Devon UK

Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 4:35 am Post subject:

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Hippy fixes-

No rocker panel left- simply make a new one from chicken wire and PLASTER! This was really found on a bug we did once. Owner had used wall plaster and shaped it.

Cracked cylinder head? Simply replace the exhaust with a K300, having paid \$150 for a garage to replace 2 broken studs, then drive 20 miles home wondering why everyone is looking at you as you're going thru town on 3 cylinders with a glasspack exhaust! (an early 'learning curve' experience)

Re-wire your whole bug without allowing the fact that you are totally colourblind from stopping you trying- A very brave customer indeed, but at least he told us what he'd done!

Tail pires fall off your bug? Use 2 old springs from bottom of tool box on each one to hold them in place til you can replace the Brasillian tailpipe clamps!

Put a secondhand stock bug muffler on your bus.

Froget to tighten big hub nut on rear drums, then have wheel and drum fall off on the highway? All you have is a hangover (you're a Fin who likes a few beers after work!) hammer, chisel and whatever you can find in the gutter- never worked out how this one got back home, but it did.

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**DurocShark**  
Samba Contributor



Joined: 05 Apr 2004  
Posts: 2125  
Location: In the thin air

Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 4:54 am Post subject:

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